**IATO BOARD MEETING**

**JUNE 6, 2021 – 9:00 am**

**Iowa City West H.S., 2901 Melrose Ave, Iowa City, IA**

**Call Meeting to Order: Mike Stanley, IATO President called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.**

**Approval of Previous Minutes: MM-Ray Wilden SM-Curt Anderson to approve the Nov. 8, 2020 IATO Board of Directors minutes. One correction-Ray Wilden was present at the Zoom meeting.**

**Membership Update-Membership drive has been completed for 2021. The IATO has 162 paid members.**

**\*New Members-(7)**

**Todd Coy-Jewell**

**Lynn Evans-Aurelia**

**Bob Feaske-New Hampton**

**Mike Hale-Council Bluffs**

**Steve Kelley-Dewitt**

**John Parsons-Ankeny**

**Corey Westra-Sioux City**

**\*Members Not Renewing-At this time there’s one member who hasn’t renewed.**

**\*Honorary Members-(45+ years)-Deb Anderson-Gilbert MM-Tim Sanderson SM-Ray Wilden**

**Treasurer’s Report-Bill Neal- $ 3,562.00 MM-Timm Lamb SM-Mark Tigges**

**Old Business**

1. **32/22 Blank Inventory-Tim Sanderson reported that the IATO has 500 boxes of .32 winchester blanks and 200 boxes of .22 winchester blanks for the clinic in December. The IATO has 30 boxes of .22 long blanks as well. Starters should check their inventory and plan to purchase at the clinic.**

**The IATO has Winchester blanks ordered for 2022 clinic. There is a 12-16 month backorder on Winchester blank shells so the IATO is working a year ahead to get blanks.**

1. **Volunteer Certificates (Clinic)-The IATO has 50 certificates available to be handed out at the clinic in December. IATO members can pick one up to present to a track official for volunteering at track & field meets.**
2. **State Officials Advisory Committee-(July)-Meeting set for July.**
3. **Track & Field Advisory Committee Report-Mark Tigges reported that the Advisory Committee met several times last spring to discuss the State track & field meet in regards to Covid-19 issues. Models were established in case Drake Stadium wasn’t going to be available. The State meet schedule was altered due to Covid-19 issues.**
4. **2021 SQM and State Track & Field Review-Jared Chizek(IHSAA) & Gary Ross(IGHSAU) were present to give updates about the SQM and State track and field meet. A huge thanks to these two individuals for the hours of planning so that we could have a season as well as a state track and field meet. A new State meet schedule was established with Coaches and Athletic Directors input so that a state meet could be held in 2021. Both praised the meet officials, coaches and athletes for their performances in less that ideal conditions this year. It was a very good State meet.**

**One SQM site the High Jumpers didn’t make opening height.**

**Exchange Zone was a big issue all season due to the fact that track are painted differently. Will be a couple of years for schools to repaint their tracks. Jared suggested that schools put in their information packets if track has new marks or old marks. Coaches should walk the track as well. Discussion that schools need more help at the exchange zone since its 30 meters rather than 20 meters. At least two umpires at each exchange zone.**

**In 2022 all classes will run at State meet on Saturday in one session like in the past.**

**Discussion to look into the commands for WC races at state. WC racers use different commands during summer USATF meets.**

**Cross Country in 2021, SQM will be held over two days and the State Cross Country meet will be held over two days as well. This was the format used in 2020 and it went very well.**

**New Business**

1. **Officials Clinic & Hall of Fame Banquet-2021-Topics & Presenters are set for the 2021 IATO Clinic to be held on Dec. 4th at the Gateway Convention center in Ames. Information on the clinic will be sent out in late October.**
2. **Clinic Favors-Several ideas were shared including lap counters, note pads, meet schedule cards and field event cards were a few of the ideas.**
3. **Lowry-Wassink Distinguish Award-Mike Stanley explained that the IATO Board of Directors recommended that Wassink be added to the Lowry Distinguished Award as both were Co-Founders of the IATO.**
4. **RPM-Recommended Procedures Manual-(Editors)-Mike Stanley & Bill Neal will update the RPM each year.**
5. **Selection of Officials of the Year:**

**Boys Starter of the Year-Timm Lamb-Ft. Madison**

**Girls Starter of the Year-Ray Armel-West Union**

**Field Event Official of the Year-Jan Grenko Lehman-Iowa City**

**Track Official of the Year-Timm Lamb-Ft. Madison**

**Junior High Official of the Year-Jim Nichols-Storm Lake**

**Regional Awards:**

**NE-Kevin Long-LaPorte City**

**NW-Dan Kruse-Rock Rapids**

**Central-Mark Tigges-Clive**

**SW-Gary O’Daniels-Creston**

**SE-Keith Comfort-Oskaloosa**

**Cross Country Starter of the Year-Rick Hall-Waverly**

**Lowry-Wassink Distinguished Service Award-Denny White-Mt. Pleasant**

**Hall of Fame-Carolyn Hill-W. Des Moines, Jon Turner-Des Moines, John Wolff- Urbandale**

1. **Discussion of State Wide Starting Fees-Mike Stanley led a discussion on Starter Fees. Please see attachment. Conclusion that Starters should visit the Athletic Director if they feel that Starter fees are a little light. Many variables when it comes to starting fees. (Mileage, Shells, Size of meet, Length of meet, etc.)**
2. **Electronic Starting Devices-Discussion was held on the use of Electronic Starting Devices. NFHS rules state that you can use Electronic Device to start races. Four states have made it mandatory. Our two state associations don’t endorse Electronic Devices at this time. Track coaches in Iowa are opposed to the Electronic Starting devices as they have a poor quality sound.**
3. **Board positions to fill at end of 2021-Two at Large positions and two NE Iowa positions.**
4. **Misc:**

**\*30 meter exchange zone-lots of confusion in the first year of use by athletes and coaches. Athletes asking meet official where to stand in exchange zone.**

**\*SHR at State had fewer DQ this season. Coaches did better job of coaching this event.**

**\*Some meets seem to run slower due to the timer, no# of computers, system, etc.**

**\*Timing at State meet was awesome. Wayzata Timing did the State Meet.**

**Adjournment: President Mike Stanley concluded the meeting at 11:20 am. MM-Chuck Liston**

**SM-Randy Wilson**